

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Stephen Almeida, owner of the application for United States Letters Patent for the Multiple Pulse Photo-Epilator by Stephen Almeida, and

As above-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:   Multiple Pulse Photo-Epilator, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1.56(a) and 1.56(b).

The undersigned hereby appoints:

John C. Serio, Esq., as my Attorney and my Patent Agent Reg. #39,023 whose mailing address is 56 Main Street, Suite 219, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060 and whose telephone number is 413-584-6984, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT [DECLARATION] CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS [37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and § 1.27(b)]  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled stick-propelled loop game as described in:

[ X ] the specification filed herewith  
[ ] Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under C.F.R. § 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))

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